

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATIONS (B.A.)

Educational Foundations is a liberal arts major that provides students with a deep understanding of key social, historical, and philosophical trends in American education. The major also allows students to explore theories of learning, assessment, and human development and provides a breadth of interdisciplinary courses to ensure core content knowledge in essential subject areas – language arts, math, science, and social studies. This major is comprehensive, multi-disciplinary, concise, and targeted. For students interested in classroom teaching (K-6), our program seamlessly aligns with the course of study needed for teacher certification. Admission to the Teacher Education Program is a separate process. For students interested in career paths other than teaching, our program offers coursework in a range of areas, such as urban education, gender issues in/and education, human rights education, and higher education.

Unless otherwise noted, 120 credits of coursework is required for a baccalaureate degree with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA, and a minimum 2.0 major GPA.

For details about this program, including program description, admission requirements, and contact information, click here (<https://www.montclair.edu/academics/programs/ba-educational-foundations-for-elementary-school-teachers/>).

Degree Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
New Student Seminar		0
SEEDS General Education Requirements		12-15
Major Requirements		74
Free Electives		34-31
Total Credits		120

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Educational Foundations		
EDFD 150	New Student Seminar	1
EDFD 180	Foundations of Education: Social, Cultural, and Political Contexts	3
EDFD 200	Psychological Foundations of Education	3
EDFD 220	Philosophical Orientation to Education	3
EDFD 221	Historical Foundations of American Education	3
EDFD 445	Human Rights Education	3
or EDFD 450	Current Issues in American Education	
or EDFD 458	Dialogue and Inquiry	
Liberal Arts Core		
<i>Literature and Expression</i>		
CMST 101	Fundamentals of Speech: Communication Requirement	3
WRIT 105	College Writing I	3
or ENGL 110	Introduction to Literature: The Analytic Essay	
or ENGL 111	Introduction to Literature: The Short Story	
Any 200-level ENGL or WRIT course or HONP 108		3

READ 209	Children's Literature for a Multicultural Society (or any 200-level HUMN course)	3
<i>Math, Science, and Social Science</i>		
BIOL 100	Biological Sciences	4
or BIOL 110	The Biology of Human Life	
EAES 170	World Geography	3
HIST 117	Foundations of America	3
HIST 118	Emergence of the Modern United States	3
ANTH 105	Introduction to Disability Studies, Rights, and Culture	3
or PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	
Any 300-level ANTH or SOCI course		3
Focus Area		
Complete the Focus Area requirements below.		27
Total Credits		74

Education and Society Focus Area

Code	Title	Credits
Any 300- or 400-level ANTH course		3
CHAD 340	Current Social Issues in Child Advocacy	3
EDFD 264	Gender Issues in Education	3
EDFD 290	Education and the Social Development of Urban Youth	3
EDFD 300	Assessment, Learning Sciences and Ethics	3
EDFD 445	Human Rights Education	3
EDFD 450	Current Issues in American Education	3
EDFD 455	Teaching Critical and Inclusive History	3
EDFD 458	Dialogue and Inquiry	3
FSHD 214	Child Development I	3
FSHD 216	Adolescent Development	3
HIED 100	Purposes of Higher Education	3
Any 300- or 400-level HIST course		3
Any 300- or 400-level POLS course		3
POLS 416	Special Topics in Political Science	3
Any 300- or 400-level SOCI course		3

SEEDS General Education Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill the SEEDS requirements. (<http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/seeds-general-education-requirements/>)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations		
<i>Effective Writing I</i>		
Fulfilled by WRIT 105, ENGL 110, or ENGL 111 in the major		0
<i>Effective Writing II</i>		
Complete one Effective Writing II course.		3
<i>Interactive Communication</i>		
Fulfilled by CMST 101 in the major		0
<i>Quantitative Reasoning</i>		
Complete one Quantitative Reasoning course.		3
<i>Political and Civic Life</i>		
Complete one Political and Civic Life course.		3
<i>World Language</i>		

Complete two sequential classes in one World Language when starting at the Beginner I or Beginner II level. Complete one class when starting at the Intermediate/Advanced Level.

3-6

Exploration

Complete one course from four different Exploration categories.

Analyzing Cultures and Societies

Fulfilled by EDFD 200 in the major.

0

Creative Expression

Ethical Inquiry

Fulfilled by EDFD 220 in the major.

0

Historical Thinking

Fulfilled by EDFD 221 in the major.

0

Literary and Artistic Analysis

Scientific Reasoning

Fulfilled by BIOL 100 or BIOL 110 in the major.

Total Credits

12-15

Recommended Roadmap to Program of Study Completion

This recommended degree plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their program of study requirements within **four years** and 120 credits. This plan is a recommendation and must be used in consultation with their academic advisor. Important note: Students should be aware this plan assumes no pre-requisite coursework is required. If pre-requisite coursework is needed, students may have additional requirements to fulfill which do not appear on the plan.

First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
WRIT 105, ENGL 110, or ENGL 111 (Fulfills SEEDS: Effective Writing I)	3 WRIT 106 (Fulfills SEEDS: Effective Writing II)	3
HIST 117	3 HIST 118	3
CMST 101 (Fulfills SEEDS: Interactive Communication)	3 EDFD 221 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration 1 - Historical Thinking)	3
EDFD 180	3 ANTH 105 or PSYC 101	3
READ 209 (or 200-level HUMN course)	3 BIOL 100 or 110 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration 2 - Scientific Reasoning)	4
EDFD 150	1	
	16	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
EDFD 200 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration 3 - Analyzing Cultures and Societies)	3 Any 200-level ENGL or WRIT course	3
EAES 170	3 SEEDS: Quantitative Reasoning	3
SEEDS: Political and Civic Life	3 EDFD 220 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration 3 - Ethical Inquiry)	3

Education and Society Elective 1	3 Education and Society Elective 2	3
World Language 1	3 World Language 2 or Free Elective	3
	15	15

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
300-level ANTH or SOCI course	3 EDFD 450, 445, or 458	3
Education and Society Elective 3	3 Education and Society Elective 6	3
Education and Society Elective 4	3 Education and Society Elective 7	3
Education and Society Elective 5	3 Education and Society Elective 8	3
Free Elective	3 Education and Society Elective 9	3
	15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
Free Elective	3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective	3 Free Elective	3
Free Elective	2 Free Elective	2
	14	14

Total Credits 120